

- (1) What is the nature and extent of claimant's injury and disability with regards to his thumb. Is he entitled to benefits for an amputation and also a healing period as a result of the thumb injury?
- (2) Is claimant entitled future medical benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Having reviewed the entire evidentiary record filed herein, and in addition the stipulations of the parties, the Appeals Board makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

The Workers Compensation Appeals Board in reviewing the Award of Administrative Law Judge George R. Robertson finds that the findings of fact and conclusions of law set out by the Administrative Law Judge are appropriate and fully set forth the Appeals Board's opinion as to the decision in this matter. As such, the Appeals Board fully adopts the Award of the Administrative Law Judge as its own and incorporates same in this award by reference.

The claimant, in alleging a right to collect for loss of use as well as amputation of his thumb, appears to have been fully compensated for the loss suffered to his thumb from the award for loss of use in accordance with the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act.

AWARD

WHEREFORE, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that the Award of Administrative law Judge George R. Robertson, dated February 23, 1995, denying claimant additional compensation, is affirmed in all respects.

Fees necessary to defray the expense of the administration of the Workers Compensation Act are hereby assessed against the respondent as follows:

Owens, Brake & Associates	
Regular Hearing Transcript	\$113.42
Dated December 9, 1994	
Underwood and Shane	
Deposition of Dr. C. Reiff Brown	\$126.00
Dated December 20, 1994	
Deposition of Dr. John Tanksley	\$205.50
Dated December 21, 1994	
Total	<u>\$331.50</u>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this ____ day of August, 1995.

BOARD MEMBER

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c: Robert A. Anderson, Ellinwood, Kansas
Jerry Ward, Great Bend, Kansas
George R. Robertson, Administrative Law Judge
David A. Shufelt, Acting Director